

**162.13 Penalties.**

Operation of a pound, animal shelter, pet shop, boarding kennel, commercial kennel, research facility, or public auction, or dealing in dogs or cats, or both, either as a dealer or a commercial breeder, without a currently valid license or a certificate of registration is a simple misdemeanor and each day of operation is a separate offense.

The failure of any pound, research facility, animal shelter, pet shop, boarding kennel, commercial kennel, commercial breeder, public auction, or dealer, to adequately house, feed, or water dogs, cats, or vertebrate animals in the person's or facility's possession or custody is a simple misdemeanor. The animals are subject to seizure and impoundment and may be sold or destroyed as provided by rules which shall be adopted by the department pursuant to [chapter 17A](#). The rules shall provide for the destruction of an animal by a humane method, including by euthanasia. The failure to meet the requirements of [this section](#) is also cause for revocation or suspension of license or registration after public hearing. The commission of an act declared to be an unlawful practice under [section 714.16](#) or prohibited under [chapter 717](#) or [717B](#), by a person licensed or registered under [this chapter](#) is cause for revocation or suspension of the license or registration certificate. Dogs, cats, and other vertebrates upon which euthanasia is permitted by law may be destroyed by a person subject to [this chapter](#) or [chapter 169](#), by a humane method, including euthanasia, as provided by rules which shall be adopted by the department pursuant to [chapter 17A](#).

It is unlawful for a dealer to knowingly ship a diseased animal. A dealer violating this paragraph is subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Each diseased animal shipped in violation of this paragraph is a separate offense.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §162.13]

83 Acts, ch 149, §1; 88 Acts, ch 1186, §15; 94 Acts, ch 1103, §1